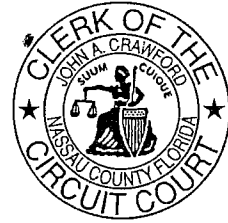




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Nassau County  
January 16, 2007



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Dear Mike:

Thank you for your time this afternoon to discuss the apparent problems in Mr. Mahaney's contract that could place the Board as well as the Clerk at legal risk if not addressed. Before the discovery of additional legal issues which have now surfaced, you advised the Board that they might reach at least some clarification by seeking a Declaratory Judgment on the contract. However, the counsel to me from Mr. Londot, my attorney, related to the liabilities to myself in my capacity of Ex-Officio Clerk, leads me to urge the Board to take definitive actions which will illumine the several problems Mr. Londot covers in his memo, which I have provided to you.

Due to the seriousness of the issues Mr. Londot's memo brings to light, I will withhold any actions I might be required to take pending actions that may be taken by the Board on your advice at tomorrow's meeting.

Again, thank you for bringing the initial issues to our attention so that my office can uphold its constitutional and statutory duties and hopefully avoid the distraction and expense of legal actions if we can find other solutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John A. Crawford".

John A. Crawford